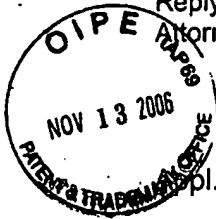


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of June 13, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, along with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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